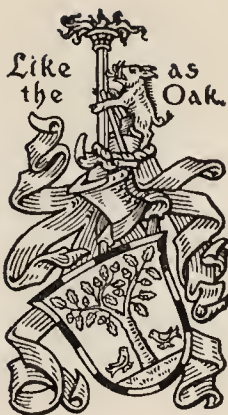



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1958 prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 22/58.

Infectious Diseases

During the year 488 cases of infectious diseases were notified. Of this number 123 were whooping cough and 321 measles. For the thirteenth year in succession no case of diphtheria was reported and in the whole of England and Wales only eight deaths were recorded during the year.

Mass Miniature Radiography

During the year the East Sussex Radiography Unit visited two parishes, a factory and an old people's home within the Uckfield rural district, and the findings can be seen in table VIII on page 15.

While the detection of pulmonary tuberculosis is the chief objective of mass miniature radiography, the figures show that other lesions of the lungs, heart and great vessels, are discovered by its means.

With the patient's consent, information is at once sent to the general practitioner concerned.

Lung Cancer

On page eight is a simple graph showing the increasing number of deaths from this self inflicted disease. The increase in the rural district follows the trend in the whole country; deaths from lung cancer, 12,000 in 1950, now exceed 20,000.

Competent statistical evidence has demonstrated the connection between smoking and the incidence of the disease, and the 1957 Report of the Medical Research Council is unequivocal in its presentation of the facts :—

- (1) Smokers run a greater risk of developing lung cancer than non-smokers.
- (2) The risk increases with the number of cigarettes smoked.
- (3) Giving up smoking reduces the risk.
- (4) Cigarettes are much more dangerous than either pipe or cigars.

Food Hygiene

Satisfactory progress is maintained in the improved handling of food. The policy has been continued of retaining one Public Health Inspector for the work of inspecting food premises and of educating the staff in food hygiene.

It is found that lapses from the required standard are liable to occur unless constant reminders are given. There are few natural enthusiasts.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT 1954

Slum Clearance Programme

The five year programme for the period beginning in January 1956 covered an estimated number of 200 houses.

Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act 1936, or, Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act 1957, have been taken in respect of 166 dwellings during the three years ending 31st December, 1958.

Thirty-three houses were vacant when proceedings were taken, and of the remaining 133, 69 families have been re-housed, 56 by the Council and 13 by their own resources, leaving 64 families to be re-housed.

The owners of the houses have undertaken not to re-let the premises when vacated until they have been made fit.

In the three years 102 unfit houses have thus been vacated ; 62 remain closed as a result of Closing Orders or Undertakings not to re-let, 15 have been demolished, and 25 have been made fit and the Undertakings determined.

Table XVIII shows the work of the Public Health Inspectors in the inspection of dwellinghouses, and the progress in securing the repair and improvement to dwellinghouses is demonstrated in table XIX.

COUNCIL HOUSING

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. M. Maddox, B.Sc., M.R.H.M.

Applications for Housing

The total number of applications for housing accommodation remained fairly constant throughout the year, averaging 774.

Priority is normally given to applicants living under the following conditions :—

- (1) Sharing a house with relatives or living in lodgings.
- (2) Occupying a tied cottage and under notice to leave for the following reasons :—
 - (a) The wage earner has reached retiring age.
 - (b) The wage earner is no longer able to carry out his employment for health reasons.
- (3) Families occupying a house with an insufficient number of bedrooms.

The total number of such priority cases averaged 300 during the year.

Occupants of Unfit Houses

The majority of new houses built during the year were reserved for families occupying unfit houses and the total number of such families rehoused during the year was 20. At the close of the year 64 families awaited rehousing.

Vacancies in Council Houses

The total number of vacancies in Council houses during the year was 47. Fifteen tenants moved to privately owned houses in the district, some of these being tied cottages. Eighteen tenants moved away to another area and one tenant emigrated to the Dominions. Two tenants were evicted for arrears of rent and the remaining vacancies were due to the death of the tenant.

Improvements to Pre-War Council Houses

The Council continued its policy of improving pre-war Council houses, and the provision of a hot water supply and renewal of out-of-date fittings was carried out in 50 houses during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

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TABLE I

VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	112,096	acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	43,300	
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.39	
Number of inhabited dwellings (at 31/3/59)	...	...	...	...	...	13,802	
Rateable Value (at 1/4/59)	...	...	...	...	...	£595,511	
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 31/3/59)	...	...	...	...	...	£2,294	

Births and Deaths.

Birth Rate (crude)	12.01	} Per 1,000 Population
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	14.53
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	16.40
Death Rate (crude)	13.65	} Per 1,000 Population
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	10.64
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	11.70
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	11.54

Live Births.

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	262	238	500
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	14	6	20
Total live births	...	...	...	...	...	<u>276</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>520</u>

Infant Deaths and Still Births.

Deaths under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	2	4	6
„ „ 4 weeks „ „	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Still Births	...	...	...	...	4	9	13

Causes of Death.

Causes of Death.						Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis (respiratory) ...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Tuberculosis (other) ...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease ...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection ...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	...	...	...	...	6	8	14
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus ...	...	...	...	...	16	7	23
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	...	...	...	...	—	8	8
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	...	...	...	...	—	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	...	...	...	...	26	34	60
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4

TABLE I (continued)

	Males	Females	Total
Diabetes	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	34	54	88
Coronary disease, angina	58	33	91
Hypertension with heart disease	7	8	15
Other heart disease	41	40	81
Other circulatory disease	25	15	40
Influenza	5	5	10
Pneumonia	9	14	23
Bronchitis	15	5	20
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	1	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	3	5
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	3	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	—	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	6	—	6
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	2	2	4
Other defined and ill defined diseases	21	34	55
Motor vehicle accidents	7	5	12
All other accidents	3	6	9
Suicide	3	3	6
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
Total deaths	295	296	591

Uckfield Rural District -- Deaths from Cancer of Lung and Bronchus --
1950 to 1958



TABLE II

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1943-1958

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births.							Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate					M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total											
1943	39,360	296	263	559	47	53	100	16.74	255	319	574	14.58	14	8	22	33.38	85	
1944	37,200	309	269	578	74	62	136	19.19	247	278	525	14.11	13	8	21	29.41	189	
1945	36,830	230	216	446	67	59	126	15.53	255	277	532	14.44	12	7	19	33.21	40	
1946	39,270	345	314	659	33	35	68	18.51	245	264	509	12.96	13	6	19	26.13	218	
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	13.56	19	9	28	40.35	149	
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138	
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48	
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36	
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	13.02	5	11	16	27.60	6	
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—	
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23	
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—	
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	—	
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	—	
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43	
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	—	

TABLE III

PARISH	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
BUXTED	2,041	2,064	2,066	2,379	2,435	2,435	2,437	2,454	2,461	2,449	2,444
CROWBOROUGH	6,502	6,577	6,585	7,375	7,423	7,588	7,667	7,638	7,562	7,324	7,322
DANEHILL	1,230	1,244	1,245	1,290	1,282	1,282	1,268	1,262	1,261	1,237	1,239
FLETCHING	1,082	1,094	1,095	1,062	1,051	1,004	992	1,011	993	1,003	995
FOREST ROW	3,188	3,225	3,231	3,356	3,340	3,267	3,330	3,384	3,327	3,360	3,407
FRAMFIELD	1,778	1,799	1,801	1,942	1,946	1,934	1,952	1,913	1,882	1,848	1,860
FRANT	1,711	1,731	1,733	1,515	1,520	1,536	1,525	1,497	1,519	1,538	1,547
HADLOW DOWN	973	984	985	860	829	811	828	843	860	832	822
HARTFIELD	2,161	2,186	2,188	2,128	2,131	2,077	2,095	2,060	2,044	2,038	2,024
ISFIELD	505	511	512	556	545	554	551	560	525	513	505
LITTLE HORSTED	250	253	254	225	218	214	222	213	213	202	195
MARESFIELD	2,463	2,491	2,495	2,853	2,890	2,920	2,965	2,982	2,990	3,015	2,990
MAYFIELD	3,285	3,323	3,327	3,488	3,495	3,544	3,604	3,606	3,525	3,509	3,489
ROTHERFIELD	3,010	3,044	3,047	2,992	2,990	2,930	2,975	2,933	2,847	2,851	2,824
UCKFIELD	3,793	3,836	3,840	3,862	3,918	4,302	4,252	4,341	4,286	4,410	4,398
WADHURST	4,022	4,069	4,074	4,178	4,165	4,143	4,191	4,180	4,136	4,141	4,102
WITHYHAM	2,906	2,939	2,942	3,071	3,082	3,059	3,086	3,123	3,069	3,110	3,137
† TOTALS	40,900	41,370	42,230	*43,132	43,260	43,600	43,940	44,000	43,500	43,380	43,300

† Totals, except 1951, are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General. * CENSUS 1951.

Population of each parish calculated as follows:—

$$\frac{\text{Registrar General's estimate of population for the District}}{\text{Number of occupied dwellings in the District}} \times \text{Number of occupied dwellings in each parish.}$$

TABLE IV

1958
NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 years and over	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER	—	—	—	—	3	9	9	—	2	—	23	—
WHOOPING COUGH	7	2	8	17	10	66	9	—	4	—	123	—
MEASLES	2	5	28	30	21	174	51	5	4	1	321	1
	Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
PNEUMONIA	1	2	3	3	3	—					12	1
*FOOD POISONING	—	—	—	—	1	—					1	—
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	ALL AGES										8	5

* Analysis of Food Poisoning Notification.
Causative agent—STAPHYLOCOCCI PYOGENES

TABLE V

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1958

PARISH	DISEASE						Totals
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia	
BUXTED	—	5	1	—	—	1	7
CROWBOROUGH ...	4	—	16	1	—	3	24
DANEHILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FLETCHING	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
FOREST ROW	2	25	16	—	—	1	44
FRAMFIELD	—	36	—	1	—	—	37
FRANT	—	5	50	2	—	—	57
HADLOW DOWN ...	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
HARTFIELD	9	4	2	4	1	—	20
ISFIELD	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
LITTLE HORSTED ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MARESFIELD	—	6	4	—	—	1	11
MAYFIELD	—	1	16	1	—	—	18
ROTHERFIELD	—	1	8	1	—	—	10
UCKFIELD	2	24	2	1	—	1	30
WADHURST	—	—	193	—	—	1	194
WITHYHAM	6	12	10	1	—	—	29
TOTALS	23	123	321	12	1	8	488

TABLE VI

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1958

AGE GROUPS.				NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
				Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
				<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
Under 1 year	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 4	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 —14	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 —24	...	...	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 —34	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 —44	...	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 —54	...	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 —64	...	...	...	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	...	...	...	6	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	...	...	13	4	1	—	1	—	—	—

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1941-1958

TABLE VII

YEAR.	NEW CASES				DEATHS					
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total. (All Types).	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
1941	24	16	5	7	52	11	8	1	1	21
1942	12	16	10	3	41	3	5	6	—	14
1943	20	12	8	6	46	4	4	—	2	10
1944	10	16	2	5	33	8	4	2	—	14
1945	14	20	1	4	39	12	9	—	1	22
1946	14	11	15	4	44	3	4	1	—	8
1947	10	10	5	5	30	7	7	3	1	18
1948	19	8	2	5	34	9	5	—	—	14
1949	21	15	4	6	46	3	4	—	—	7
1950	20	19	6	9	54	2	—	1	—	3
1951	22	19	3	6	50	4	4	1	—	9
1952	25	21	5	4	55	5	3	2	—	10
1953	27	17	—	2	46	2	1	—	1	4
1954	27	18	2	3	50	2	—	—	—	2
1955	5	8	1	3	17	2	2	—	—	4
1956	4	6	4	2	16	—	3	1	—	4
1957	10	5	3	2	20	—	—	—	—	—
1958	13	4	1	—	18	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE VIII

MASS RADIOGRAPHY
ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEY, 1958

	FRANT PARISH			WADHURST PARISH			BUXTED CHICKEN FARMS, LTD.			HIGH VIEW HOUSE, UCKFIELD			<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	
No. of persons X-Rayed ...	49	132	181	453	294	747	94	74	168	50	47	97	1,193
No. recalled for large films ...	7	3	10	16	9	25	—	—	—	10	8	18	53
Analysis of abnormal large films :—													
(a) Tuberculosis requiring treatment or close clinical supervision ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	3
(b) Tuberculosis requiring occasional clinical supervision ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
(c) Malignant disease ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Cardio-Vascular diseases ...	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	3

TABLE IX
VACCINATION AND DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Vaccination.

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	378	1
1 year	14	—
2-4 years ...	16	7
5-14 years ...	8	42
15 years and over	14	224
Totals ...	430	274

Diphtheria Immunisation.

(a) The following table shows the number of children immunised during 1958, and in addition three hundred and thirty-six children were given boosting doses on entering school or attaining the age of ten.

<i>Age</i>	1958	1957
Under 1 year ...	459	473
1-4 years ...	38	99
5-14 years ...	38	29
Totals ...	535	601

(b) The following tables show the position with regard to Diphtheria Immunisation at 31st December, 1958.

<i>0-15 years of age</i>					
Number on roll	...	...	...	...	9,115
Number immunised	...	...	...	...	8,265
Percentage immunised	...	...	...	...	90.67

<i>0-5 years of age</i>					
Number on roll	...	...	...	...	2,889
Number immunised	...	...	...	...	2,212
Percentage immunised	...	...	...	...	76.56

TABLE IX (continued)

(c) Children five to fourteen years of age attending School :—

School	No. on Register	Number Immunised	Percentages Immunised	
			Dec., 1958	Dec., 1957
Blackham	39	39	100	100
St. John's, Crowborough	43	43	100	100
Danehill	72	72	100	100
Fletching	63	63	100	100
Frant	79	79	100	97.3
Groombridge	93	93	100	97.8
Hammerwood	35	35	100	100
Little Horsted	36	36	100	100
Mark Cross	39	39	100	100
Uckfield, R.C.	237	237	100	100
Wadhurst, R.C.	25	25	100	100
Maresfield	138	137	99.2	100
Withyham	66	65	98.4	100
Nutley	115	113	98.2	100
Fairwarp	51	50	98.0	100
Forest Row	209	205	98.0	99.0
Buxted	126	122	96.8	94.7
Mayfield,	186	180	96.7	98.0
Wadhurst, V.P.	291	281	96.5	98.3
Isfield	52	50	96.1	97.9
Hartfield	136	130	95.5	96.9
Five Ashes	58	55	94.8	96.7
Hadlow Down	34	32	94.1	94.2
Uckfield, C.E.	280	263	93.9	95.2
High Hurstwood	32	30	93.7	94.8
Blackboys	60	56	93.3	94.4
Sir Henry Fermor	242	225	92.9	93.6
Eridge	66	61	92.4	95.7
Framfield	73	67	91.7	95.8
Whitehill	252	224	88.8	93.2
Rotherfield	132	117	88.6	93.1
Jarvis Brook	42	37	88.0	91.6
Herons Ghyll, R.C.	37	31	83.7	90.0
	3,439	3,292	95.7	97.2
Attending County Secondary Schools ...	1,760	1,755	99.7	99.8
Attending Private and Residential Schools	566	566	100	100
Attending Schools outside District ...	225	225	100	100
Schools Unknown	236	214	90.6	100
TOTALS ...	6,226	6,052	97.2	98.1

TABLE IX (continued)

Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination against Smallpox

As the administrative arrangements for vaccination and immunisation service is being centralised under the County Medical Officer of Health, at The County Hall, Lewes, with effect from the 1st June, 1959, the numbers immunised and vaccinated within the Uckfield Rural District during the past ten-and-a-half years are given below :—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number on Register 0-14 yrs.</i>	<i>Number Immunised</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
1948	8,398	7,551	89.9
1949	8,165	7,473	91.5
1950	8,777	7,998	91.1
1951	9,181	8,314	90.5
1952	8,781	8,108	92.3
1953	8,766	8,049	91.8
1954	8,605	7,863	91.3
1955	8,889	8,081	90.0
1956	8,895	8,235	92.5
1957	8,993	8,249	91.7
1958	9,115	8,265	90.6

<i>Vaccinations</i>					<i>Re-vaccinations</i>			
<i>Year</i>	<i>0-1 yr.</i>	<i>1-4 yrs.</i>	<i>5-14 yrs.</i>	<i>15 yrs. & over</i>	<i>0-1 yr.</i>	<i>1-4 yrs.</i>	<i>5-14 yrs.</i>	<i>15 yrs. & over</i>
1948	84	6	7	2	8	—	7	38
1949	232	11	21	14	4	5	6	56
1950	342	32	43	46	18	15	42	176
1951	504	497	1,933	3,452	27	289	2,440	10,585
1952	345	29	11	10	—	14	13	123
1953	341	29	15	16	1	7	38	116
1954	362	30	9	11	—	9	31	157
1955	413	34	18	14	—	17	45	197
1956	355	33	14	25	—	13	57	167
1957	443	45	26	21	1	15	64	225
1958	378	30	8	14	1	7	42	224

The figures for 1948 are from 5th July, the date on which this service commenced, to 31st December, 1948.

In 1951 an outbreak of smallpox occurred in Brighton.

TABLE X

AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE

Infant Welfare Centres, Weighing Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics in
the Uckfield Rural District

<i>Name of Centre.</i>	<i>When held.</i>
BUXTED.	
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only) ...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE.	
Chelworth, Chelwood Gate ...	4th Thursday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH.	
Drill Hall ...	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month.
Wesleyan Hall ...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S.	
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only) ...	3rd Wednesday in each month.
DANEHILL.	
Scouts' Hall, Danehill ...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
FAIRWARP AND MARESFIELD.	
Village Hall, Fairwarp ...	1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW.	
Village Hall ...	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month.
(Ante-Natal) ...	3rd Thursday in each month.
FRAMFIELD.	
Church Hall ...	2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT.	
Village Hall ...	2nd and 4th Fridays in each month.
(Ante-Natal) ...	4th Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE.	
The Hut ...	4th Monday in each month.
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM.	
King's Hall, Withyham ...	1st Friday in each month.
MAYFIELD.	
Congregational Church Hall ...	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month.
NUTLEY.	
Mission Hall ...	4th Friday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD.	
British Legion Hut ...	3rd Friday in each month.
UCKFIELD.	
County Clinic ...	1st Tuesday in each month.
(Ante-Natal) ...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
WADHURST.	
The Institute ...	1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays in each month.
(Ante-Natal) ...	2nd Tuesday in each month.

Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

TABLE X (continued)

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the laboratory any time up to 6 o'clock from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services.

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the British Red Cross Society, and other voluntary organizations.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 1234 Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At all other times Crowborough 882 or 3344	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant Wadhurst	Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 2840	8
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield Hadlow Down	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,801
" " " " " " Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107
" " " " " " National Assistance Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts								356
Visits to factories (with power 117, without power 7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
" " outworkers' premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Visits to bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
" " butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
" " knackers' yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " fish frying premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
" " food premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	261
" " ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
" " licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
" " shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
" " hop-pickers' lodgings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Visits in connection with tents, vans and sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
" " " " infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
" " " " water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
" " " " rats and mice destruction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,543
" " " " schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
" " " " Pet Animals Act 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" " " " civil defence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
No. of drain tests carried out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	163
" " water samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
" " milk samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
" " ice-cream samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
" " premises disinfected and disinested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
" " preliminary notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	212
" " " " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	153
" " statutory notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
" " " " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

TABLE XII

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators between the 1st of April, 1958 and the 31st March, 1959.

					<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received ...	...	...	...	...	103	51
No. of premises infested ...	...	...	...	...	89	43
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry					42	2
No. of premises treated by the occupier ...	...	...	...		38	3
No. of dwellings disinfested :						
(a) Dwellinghouses ...	...	...	...	...	81	30
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips) ...	...	...	...	...	34	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises) ...					10	10
(d) Food premises ...	...	...	...	...	1	1
(e) Agricultural premises ...	...	...	...	...	9	3
(f) Schools ...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Total number of visits	...	...	...	...	2,543	

TABLE XIII
FACTORIES ACT, 1937

One hundred and twenty-four visits were made to factories during the year ; of these one hundred and seventeen were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

PREMISES.	NO. ON REGISTER.	INSPEC- TIONS.	NOTICES.	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	38	7	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	147	117	6	-
TOTALS	185	124	7	-

Cases in which defects were found.

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED.
	FOUND.	REMEDIED.	REFERRED.		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR.	By H.M. INSPECTOR.	
Want of cleanliness ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	7	6	-	2	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	2	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	9	6	-	2	-

TABLE XIV

WATER SUPPLIES

Water Sampling.

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Crowborough District Water Company ...	4	4	—
South Eastern Gas Board, East Grinstead	7	7	—
Uckfield Rural District Council	13	13	—
Weir Wood Water Board	13	13	—
Springs and Wells	17	9	8
TOTALS	54	46	8

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

- Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.
- South Eastern Gas Board, East Grinstead.
- East Surrey Water Company.

Water Main extensions laid by the Council during 1958.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Yards linear</i>	<i>Total yards linear</i>
Maresfield	Extension to serve Woodlands School, Fairwarp		
	— 4" main	85	
	3" main	413	
	Extension of 3" main to serve Windyridge Estate, Nutley	131	629

TABLE XV

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1958

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
UCKFIELD R.D.C.	Danehill	11	377	1,184
	Fletching	8	210	659
	Framfield	11	507	1,592
	Hartfield	8	564	1,771
	Isfield	9	178	559
	Little Horsted	—	14	44
	Maresfield	24	825	2,591
	Uckfield	24	1,362	4,277
	Withyham	1	*	—
	(Blackham)			
CROWBOROUGH DISTRICT WATER COMPANY	Buxted	8	674	2,116
	Crowborough	33	2,443	7,671
	Frant	—	339	1,064
	Hadlow Down	2	235	738
	Mayfield	12	1,007	3,162
	Rotherfield	8	847	2,660
	Wadhurst	8	1,204	3,780
	Withyham	23	922	2,895
SOUTH EASTERN GAS BOARD, EAST GRINSTEAD	Forest Row	13	893	2,804
BOROUGH OF ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS	Frant	12	*	—

* Included in the total for Crowborough District Water Company.

TABLE XVI

FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the various types of Food premises within the district.

Bakehouses	...	...	...	14
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	36
Cakes and Confectionery	...	...	...	38
Greengrocers	...	...	...	31
Grocery and General Provisions	...	...	...	137
Hotels and Licensed premises	...	...	...	100
Restaurants	...	...	...	52
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	11
Registered Dairy Premises	...	...	...	25

Improvements at Food Premises during 1958

Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Display counters improved or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.

The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	35
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	7
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	204

Six samples of ice-cream taken during the year were reported by the bacteriologist to be satisfactory.

TABLE XVII

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

256 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of tinned food ...	...	...	decomposed	
32 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of confectionery	...	...	stale or mouldy	
30 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of cereals	...	...	...	stale
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of cereals	...	...	...	mite infested
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of cheese and butter	...	...	...	rancid
462 lbs. of meat	...	decomposed or bone taint			
20 lbs. of veal	tumours
145 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of fish	decomposed
106 fl. oz. of preserved lemon juice	...	fermented			

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

TABLE XVIII

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	824
	(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	2,801
2.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	33
3.		Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	169

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	110
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.		<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>	
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	13
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners	4
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	1
2.		<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—</i>	
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1958)	3
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
3.		<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>	
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	5
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
	(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	2
	(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16.	23
	(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners	27

TABLE XIX

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past five years :—

1954 1955 1956 1957 1958

Internal.

Damp floors remedied	...	...	...	42	79	99	117	100
Damp walls remedied...	...	...	...	53	100	120	169	144
Floors relaid or repaired	...	...	...	66	104	151	210	151
Walls repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	123	233	349	558	336
Ceilings repaired or cleansed...	...	...	...	86	199	303	407	252
Ceiling heights increased	...	...	...	19	22	38	71	46
Lighting improved	...	...	...	38	76	97	148	89
Ventilation improved...	...	...	...	41	83	105	196	102
Windows repaired or renewed	...	...	...	77	107	135	250	180
Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	29	42	47	82	63
Woodwork repaired or renewed	...	...	...	13	38	19	60	49
Flues and fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	15	28	31	53	36
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	...	...	...	25	38	48	55	32
Washing coppers repaired or provided	...	...	...	6	3	5	3	—
Food stores repaired or provided	...	...	...	24	42	76	70	39
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	13	31	37	51	30
Sinks provided or renewed	...	...	...	26	47	72	73	61
Sink wastes trapped or provided	...	...	...	15	22	55	71	45
Baths and wash basins provided	...	...	...	17	67	85	91	59
Hot water systems provided...	...	...	...	21	58	91	86	58
Artificial lighting provided	...	...	...	5	28	37	50	20
Fuel stores provided	...	...	...	4	25	28	51	21

External.

Walls repaired...	...	...	...	35	53	67	96	83
Roofs repaired...	...	...	...	29	51	78	86	74
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	22	50	54	79	52
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	...	...	...	35	50	72	89	77
Paving provided or repaired...	...	...	...	9	40	38	42	22
Dustbins provided or renewed	...	...	...	3	2	5	7	4
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	3	1	4	7	1

Drainage.

New systems provided	...	...	...	30	45	54	64	32
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed	...	...	...	51	56	73	71	49
W.C.s provided	...	...	...	59	79	82	72	55
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	...	...	...	42	36	22	29	36
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s.	...	...	...	17	35	13	4	2
E.C.s repaired or improved	...	...	...	—	2	—	7	3

Water Supply.

Main supply provided	...	...	...	24	8	17	13	11
Wells repaired, improved or provided	...	...	...	3	1	3	2	—

TABLE XX

HOUSES BUILT DURING 1958

During the year twenty cottages, twelve flats and seven bungalows were built on behalf of the Council, eighty-four houses were completed by private enterprise, and eight properties were made available by means of conversion.

The following table shows the parishes where Council houses were completed.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Type of dwelling</i>	<i>No. of families accommodated</i>	<i>Total families accommodated</i>
CROWBOROUGH ...	3 bedroom cottages	2	11
	2 „ „	1	
	2 „ flats	2	
	1 „ „	2	
	1 „ bungalows	4	
FLETCHING ...	2 „ cottages	2	2
FOREST ROW ...	3 „ cottages	2	3
	2 „ „	1	
FRANT	3 „ „	1	9
	2 „ „	2	
	1 „ flats	4	
	1 „ bungalows	2	
MARESFIELD ...	3 „ cottages	2	3
	2 „ „	1	
UCKFIELD... ..	3 „ „	2	10
	2 „ „	4	
	1 „ flats	4	
WADHURST ...	2 „ bungalows	1	1
20 cottages, 12 flats, 7 bungalows.			TOTAL 39.

Persons accommodated

3 bedroom cottage	5 persons
2 bedroom cottage or flat	4 „
2 bedroom bungalow	3 „
1 bedroom flat or bungalow	2 „

The inspection of all building commenced from 1st March, 1958, and undertaken by private enterprise, was taken over by the Public Health Inspectors from that date, and the following table shows the number of visits made to the end of the year.

FOUNDATIONS	292
SITE CONCRETE	161
DAMP PROOF COURSE	161
DRAINAGE	310
OTHER VISITS	1,060

